

# HQBN Single Marine and Sailor News

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Tax Information
- Tuition
  Assistance
- Outdoor Recreation
- SM&SP
- GI Bill

#### FEEDBACK!

Let us know what you would like to see in the next HQBN Newsletter for Single Marines and Sailors!

E-mail the FRO at: larisa.demling@usmc.mil

## Tax Information

#### MCB HAWAII TAX CENTER OPENING 19 JAN 2010!

FREE Tax Prep Services Provided by IRS Certified Military Volunteers!!

**LOCATION**: BLDG 279, 2nd Deck (Located above Base Safety Office)

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

0900 - 1800 Monday - Thursday (Walk-Ins)
Fridays - By Appt. Only
(Units or Individuals Scheduled for
Deployment, Multiple Rental Properties,
Business Income, etc.)

**Telephone**: (808) 257-2791

#### WHAT TO BRING:

- Completed Intake/Interview form (go to http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/sja/ sjatax.htm)
- W-2
- Interest from Checking or Savings
- Education Expenses
- Other Income
- Rental Property Receipts
- Home Mortgage Payments
- Child/Dependant Care Expenses
- Bank Account Information
- Charitable Contributions
- ID Card/SSN Card
- Any other Tax related paperwork



## **Tuition Assistance**



#### Take advantage of Tuition Assistance (TA)

TA funds 100% of tuition costs up to \$4,500 per fiscal year. Marines and Sailors must complete a TA orientation class PRIOR to using TA. Use of this assistance has no impact or effect on your GI Bill.

For more information contact the Joint Education Center (JEC) 257-2158

TA Orientation classes are held EVERY Wednesday from 1130-1245



Kayaks, like the one pictured above, are available for rental from Outdoor Rec.

Your HQBN SM&SP representative is Sgt Lucero from S-I. For information contact him at alberto.lucero@usmc.mil



#### Paintball on Base!

Fridays 1300-1700 Saturdays 0900-1700 By Appointment Only!

Located next to the "Lemon Lot"

Call Roland at (808) 265-4283 for details



### **Outdoor Recreation**

The tradewinds of Oahu are ideal for windsurfing. Enjoy this thrilling sport at Kaneohe Bay or take the board with you to a favorite beach. Boards are available for hourly or daily rental. Learn to sail or windsurf through classes offered at Outdoor Recreation. Prices are based on rank. Marines and Sailors can also rent recreational equipment such as scuba gear, kayaks, boats, fishing gear and more.

LOCATION: Base Marina

HOURS OF OPERATION: Winter: 0800-1800 Daily

**PHONE:** (808) 254-7666

## **SM&SP Upcoming Events**

#### 16 Jan - Luau at Paradise Cove

Hawaii's Best Luau. Exciting activities, delicious all you can eat Hawaiian food, and spectacular luau show. Experience a tropical Mai Tai greeting, 2 drink tickets, and live Hawaiian music for the evening.

Cost is \$42. Transportation is provided. Meet at Kahuna's at 1545, Depart at 1600. Return to Kahuna's 2030 (approximately)

#### 30 Jan - Waimea Falls and North Shore

Cost is \$5 for admission (with military ID) to Waimea Falls. Bring \$\$\$ for snacks. Transportation is provided.

Meet at Kahuna's at 0845, Depart at 0900. Return to Kahuna's 1600 (approximately)

Contact Marcella Cisneros at (808) 254-7593 for details

## **GI Bill Information**

**Montgomery GI Bill** provides up to 36 months of education benefits. The benefit may be used for degree, certificate programs and other training. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following release from active duty.

New Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits pay out differently than the traditional MGIB and provides 36 months of full-time benefits. There are three main pieces to the program; 1) tuition based on your state's public university rate, 2) BAH at E-5 rate w/ dependents at school's zip code and 3) up to \$1,000 per academic year for books. For eligibility requirements and the most up-to-date info call the Joint Education Center (JEC) at (808) 257-2158.